

# House Study Bill 598 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SALMON)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to protections for certain members of the  
2 military concerning employment and insurance coverage and  
3 making penalties applicable.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29A.43, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2022,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. An officer or enlisted person of the national guard or  
4 organized reserves of the armed forces of the United States,  
5 any member of the civil air patrol, or any regular, reserve,  
6 or auxiliary member of the United States coast guard, who is  
7 insured as a dependent under a group policy for accident or  
8 health insurance as a full-time student less than twenty-five  
9 years of age, whose coverage under the group policy would  
10 otherwise terminate while the officer or enlisted person  
11 was on a leave of absence during a period of temporary duty  
12 or service, as defined for members of the national guard in  
13 section 29A.1, subsection 3, 8, or 12, while performing duties  
14 as a member of the civil air patrol pursuant to section 29A.3A,  
15 or as a member of the organized reserves called to active duty  
16 from a reserve component status, or as a regular, reserve, or  
17 auxiliary member of the United States coast guard, shall be  
18 considered to have been continuously insured under the group  
19 policy for the purpose of returning to the insured dependent  
20 status as a full-time student who is less than twenty-five  
21 years of age. This subsection does not apply to coverage of  
22 an injury suffered or a disease contracted by a member of the  
23 national guard or organized reserves of the armed forces of  
24 the United States, any member of the civil air patrol, or any  
25 regular, reserve, or auxiliary member of the United States  
26 coast guard in the line of duty.

27 4. The protections provided for in this section shall apply  
28 with equal force to members of the national guard of another  
29 state, an organized reserve unit in another state, any regular,  
30 reserve, or auxiliary member of the United States coast guard  
31 in another state, or a civil air patrol unit in another state  
32 who are employed in this state.

33 EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1     This bill relates to protections for certain members of the  
2 military concerning employment and insurance coverage.

3     The bill requires that if a member of the civil air patrol  
4 who is insured as a dependent under a group policy for accident  
5 or health insurance as a full-time student less than 25 years  
6 of age, whose coverage under the group policy would otherwise  
7 terminate while the member is performing duties as a member  
8 of the civil air patrol, the member shall be considered to  
9 have been continuously insured under the group policy for the  
10 purpose of returning to the insured dependent status as a  
11 full-time student who is less than 25 years of age.

12    The bill makes current provisions which do not extend group  
13 policy insurance coverage to an injury suffered or a disease  
14 contracted in the line of duty applicable a member of the civil  
15 air patrol or any regular, reserve, or auxiliary member of the  
16 United States coast guard.

17    The bill extends the protections in Code section 29A.43  
18 relating to discrimination, leaves of absence, and continuation  
19 of health coverage to any regular, reserve, or auxiliary member  
20 of the United States coast guard in another state who is  
21 employed in this state.